

Graham Rishton joins chambers as a transferring legal professional after beginning his career at a Chambers and Partners Band 1 national criminal defence firm. He qualified as a solicitor and higher court advocate in 2016 and rose swiftly through the ranks to become an associate upon qualification and a director of the firm by 2019.

Graham acted as a solicitor for clients across a broad spectrum of criminal offences including murder, sexual offences and drugs conspiracies. He developed a particular specialism in acting for clients accused of large-scale fraud offences. He most notably acted in the Royal Household Bribery Case and in the SFO v Unaoil trial, reported as being the largest bribery case in history. He developed a reputation for his ability to absorb large amount of material, attention to detail and his approachable manner with clients.

Graham completed a six-month pupillage under the supervision of Brendan O'Leary and accepted instructions across a variety of criminal law, motoring law and licensing matters. Notable successes included securing a suspended sentence for a landlord who had assaulted a customer thereby causing permanent eye damage, and a suspended sentence for a man who was one of the first to be prosecuted under the new strangulation laws. He was also able to successfully argue exception hardship on behalf of a driver who had accrued 36 points on his licence.

Away from law, Graham enjoys relaxing with his young family, playing football for his local side and running in the hills with his faithful golden retriever Edith.

He will accept instructions to both defend and prosecute as he builds upon his extensive experience of the magistrates' court and develops a busy crown court practice.

## CASES OF INTEREST

### Business Crime & Regulation

#### **SFO v B**

*Defended a sales manager which in a case which alleged bribery and corruption of Iraqi officials in order to manipulate the tendering process for infrastructure projects in the rebuild of the oil industry in the aftermath of the Iraq war.*

#### **R v H – The Royal Household Bribery Case**

*Defended a business owner accused of participating in a conspiracy to fix the tendering process for infrastructure projects at numerous Royal Palaces such as Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace.*

#### **R v A**

*Defended an employee alleged to have participated in a multi-million pound boiler room scam by selling coloured diamonds at enormously inflated prices.*

#### **R v J**

*Defended an employee of a buy and let back estate agents accused of a multi-million pound conspiracy to defraud mortgage lenders.*



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## PRACTICE AREAS

Crime

Civil

Regulatory

Road Traffic

## Criminal Law

### **R v Q**

*Defence of a business owner accused of historic sexual abuse in which the complainant asserted she was 2 – 3 years old at the time of the abuse. Instruction of experts in child psychology and child memory.*

### **R v T**

*Defence of a social-worker accused of rape by one of his colleagues after a work night out.*

### **R v B**

*Defence of man accused of being the boss of a large-scale drugs gang operating in the Harrogate area.*

### **R v A**

*Defence of a 19yo accused of murder following a multiple stabbing at a party.*

### **R v R**

*Defence of a man already convicted of a S.18 assault who was subsequently charged with murder following the death of the victim a number of years later.*

### **R v G**

*Defence of a professional found in possession of hundreds of thousands of indecent images.*



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